

**MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING**

April 29, 1998  
MAG Office  
302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Suite 200  
Phoenix, Arizona

**MEMBERS ATTENDING**

Mayor Elaine Scruggs, Glendale, Chairman	Mayor Wayne Brown, Mesa
Mayor Tom Morales, Avondale	Councilmember Sara Moya, Paradise Valley
Mayor Mike Baker, Buckeye	Mayor John Keegan, Peoria
Mayor Hugh Stevens, Carefree	Councilmember Tom Milton for Mayor Skip Rimsza, Phoenix
Mayor Tom Augherston, Cave Creek	Mayor Mark Schnepf, Queen Creek
Mayor Jay Tibshraeny, Chandler	*President Ivan Makil, Salt River Pima-
*Mayor Maggie Reese, El Mirage	Maricopa Indian Community
Mayor Jerold Miles, Fountain Hills	Mayor Sam Campana, Scottsdale
Mayor Chuck Turner, Gila Bend	*Mayor Joan Shafer, Surprise
*Governor Mary Thomas, Gila River Indian Community	Mayor Neil Giuliano, Tempe
Mayor Cynthia Dunham, Gilbert	Mayor Adolfo Gamez, Tolleson
Mayor Bill Arnold, Goodyear	Mayor Dallas Gant, Wickenburg
Mayor Frances Osuna, Guadalupe	Mayor William Kosanovich, Youngtown
Mayor Richard Vasiloff, Litchfield Park	*F. Rockne Arnett, ADOT
Supervisor Jan Brewer, Maricopa County	Leo Mahoney for Chuck Coughlin, Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee

\*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting of the Regional Council was called to order by Chairman Elaine Scruggs at 5:15 p.m.

Chairman Scruggs announced that the meeting would be taped, and tapes will be made available to each member agency. She stated the intent is to better inform the public on the growth initiative issues.

Chairman Scruggs introduced the proxies for tonight's meeting. Councilmember Tom Milton for Mayor Skip Rimsza from the City of Phoenix, Leo Mahoney for Chuck Coughlin from the Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee, and Burt Kruglick for Roc Arnett from the State Transportation Board.

Chairman Scruggs announced that parking validation is available for the Norwest Bank garage only following the meeting from the MAG staff. Chairman Scruggs announced that RPTA has generously

agreed to provide transit tickets for individuals who use the bus to get to the Regional Council meeting. She stated that tickets are available following the meeting from Ken Driggs of RPTA.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of March 25, 1998 Meeting Minutes

Mayor Richard Vasiloff moved, Councilmember Sara Moya seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the March 25, 1998 meeting minutes.

4. Call to the Audience

Chairman Scruggs recognized public comment on non agenda items. She noted that as in the past, there is a three minute time limit. Public comment is provided at the beginning of the meeting for non-agenda items. Also, public comment will be provided at the beginning of the meeting for consent items. Chairman Scruggs stated that after hearing public comments, any member of the committee can request that an item be removed from the consent agenda and considered individually.

Richard Thomas reported that the Vision 2025 Budget and Finance subcommittee met to outline how the Region 2025 Vision would be financed. The committee endorsed a budget. Mr. Thomas stated that the committee hopes to have a broad base of finance support, and will be requesting corporate support as well as member agency support. He noted that it would make a strong statement if Regional Council members would consider signing a letter soliciting valley wide business support for the funding of Region 2025 Vision.

5. Showcased Agency Introduction

Chairman Scruggs introduced Mayor Jerold Miles from the Town of Fountain Hills. Mayor Miles stated that he is delighted and honored to present the history of the Town of Fountain Hills, the town with the world's highest daily fountain. He noted the Fountain Hills is no longer a sleepy little town and much closer than people think to downtown Phoenix.

Mayor Miles introduced Alan Cruikshank, owner of the local town paper *The Times of Fountain Hills*. Mr. Cruikshank presented a history of Fountain Hills. The first home in Fountain Hills was built in 1971, and the first people made residency in January 1972. He noted that the first business was the Shamrock Dairy, and the major employer today is the Mayo Clinic.

Mr. Cruikshank stated that Fountain Hill's population grew from zero in 1970 to 5,000 in 1985 to 17,000 today. He reported that 1985 started a new growth area with two elementary schools, one junior high school and one high school. Fountain Hills was incorporated in December of 1989. Mr. Cruikshank stated that from an original plan that estimated 78,000 people at build-out, the town's plan has been revised to add more open space and less density, with a current estimate of 30-35,000 people at build-out. He reported that there is a 30 feet high limit to buildings and very strict land preservation rules. Fountain Hills is extremely concerned about the environment and is working hard to improve it for the future.

Mr. Cruikshank noted that the Highlights of the culture scene in Fountain Hills is its Arts Festival, Great Fair and Phoenix Symphony.

6. Executive Director's Report

James M. Bourey updated the Regional Council on the Region 2025 Vision process. He reported that it is moving forward. Currently the staff is actively establishing collaborative groups to provide input to the Region 2025 Vision Committee, and is creating an environmental scan to describe what we are like now and what we would like to be in the future. He noted that three subcommittees have been appointed for budget and finance, public communications, and the summit.

Mr. Bourey stated that the Region 2025 Vision Summit is scheduled for June 6 at the Orpheum Theatre and could be attended by 1,000 or more people. This process will include citizens' view of the future.

James Bourey stated that on April 8 and 9, MAG underwent a review of its planning certification. This certification is performed every three years by the United States Department of Transportation. The Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration and Federal Aviation Administration all participated in this review. He noted that feedback from the review was very positive and we are looking forward to getting the final report from USDOT. Mr. Bourey noted that the budget and UPWP format was well received and will be used as a model for other areas of the country. He thanked staff for a terrific job.

Mr. Bourey reported on HB 2564 which removes the transportation decision-making authority from MAG for the sales tax-funded freeway program. He noted that HB 2564 passed the House and was heard by the Senate Finance Committee. Following that hearing, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee announced he was holding the bill.

Mr. Bourey noted the provisions of HB 2564 were included in a strike everything amendment to SB 1209 which passed the House Transportation Committee and the full House. He reported that an amendment was passed which would have the Governor appoint the chairperson of the governing board of the RTA. The State Transportation Board member from this area would serve on the RTA Board. He stated the amendment would have the transportation plan approved by the State Transportation Board. He stated that the bill would be sent back to the Senate for concurrence in the House amendments. If the Senate does not concur, the bill could then go to a conference committee or be held. He noted the Regional Transportation Administration provisions could then be attached to another bill that is alive in the process. Mr. Bourey encouraged members to express their opposition to 1209 and noted he will keep them informed if it appears on another bill.

Mr. Bourey stated that the Phoenix Consumer Price Index produced by Arizona State University is being discontinued and alternatives for producing an index are being investigated.

Mr. Bourey commented on the Regional Council Awards Program. He noted that approximately 60 award nominations were received. The panel of judges has been selected on the basis of their community leadership and, through their actions, a demonstration of an understanding of the concept of regionalism. The awards will be announced at the Annual Awards Dinner on June 24 at the Hyatt Regency following the monthly Regional Council meeting.

Mr. Bourey updated the Regional Council on the reauthorization of ISTEA. He stated that the US House and Senate have passed a bill. The bills have now gone to a Conference Committee to work out the differences between them. He reported that although Conferees have reached agreement on several policy issues, many major issues, including funding, still remain. Mr. Bourey stated that the federal transportation funding authorized under the Short Term Extension Act came to an end on May 1, 1998. This means that no further funding of highway projects can occur until a final bill is passed. The new target date is May 23 with a fall back date of July 3, 1998. He noted that he will continue to keep the members updated.

Mr. Bourey commented on the proposal in legislation regarding the Vehicle License Tax. He noted that this is a major concern for all jurisdictions. Mr. Bourey stated this legislation would have a \$200 million impact on the regional freeway program through the year 2015.

Mr. Bourey reported on the Management Committee Retreat which was held on April 24 at the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community. He stated that the managers prioritized work program items discussed relationships with the Native American Communities, reviewed the proposed budget and the Maricopa Association of Governments Information Center proposal.

Mr. Bourey stated that Sunday on Central was a success. He noted that staff worked a booth to make the public more aware of MAG and its duties.

Mr. Bourey informed Regional Council that the new edition of the MAG newsletter is out today.

Chairman Scruggs thanked Mr. Bourey for his report.

7. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chairman Scruggs stated that agenda items number 8, 9 and 10 are listed on the consent agenda. She asked if any member wished to remove any consent item. No member responded.

Chairman Scruggs recognized public comment on the consent agenda items.

Blue Crowley commented on agenda item number 8 and stated that conformity should be performed on the TIP and LRTP. He noted that there is no time line regarding the conformity analysis. Mr. Crowley commented that it takes two months for the public to get information.

Mr. Crowley commented on agenda item number 9 and stated that there is no limit to the money that can be spent for the Region 2025 Vision consultant assistance. He supported the consultants reaching out to the public for input on the future.

Mayor Turner moved, Mayor Stevens seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve consent agenda items 8, 9 and 10.

8. Consultant Selection for the 1998 MAG FIP Conformity Analysis

The Regional Council approved, by consent, to select the consulting firm Earth Matters for an amount not to exceed \$35,000 to conduct the 1998 MAG FIP conformity analysis for the FY 1999-2003 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan: Draft 1998 Addendum. Under the 1991 Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) for Carbon Monoxide in Arizona, transportation plans and transportation improvement programs prepared by MAG are required to meet certain air quality conformity criteria that are not required in other U.S. metropolitan areas. The required analysis involves intersection data collection and carbon monoxide “hotspot” modeling. The MAG Unified Planning Work Program for fiscal year 1998 includes \$35,000 in Federal Highway funds for consultant assistance for the FIP conformity analysis. A Request for Proposals was advertised, and one consultant proposal was received. A multi-agency technical review team reviewed the proposal, and MAG is recommending the consulting firm Earth Matters to conduct the conformity analysis for an amount not to exceed \$35,000. The Management Committee recommended approval of Earth Matters.

9. Region 2025 Vision Committee Consultant Assistance

The Regional Council approved, by consent, to ratify the Regional Council Executive Committee action to approve the consulting firm Vernon Swaback Associates as the on-call consultant for the Region 2025 Vision project. The FY 1998 MAG Unified Planning Work Program includes funding for consultant assistance for the Region 2025 Vision Committee effort. On February 24, 1998, a request for proposals to provide expertise and support on an on-call basis for the Region 2025 Vision Committee was advertised. Four proposals were received and on March 30, 1998, a proposal review team interviewed two consulting firms and recommended a team led by Vernon Swaback Associates to provide assistance to the committee. On April 1, 1998, the Region 2025 Vision Committee concurred with the recommendation of the review team. MAG is recommending that the consulting firm Vernon Swaback be selected to provide on-call consulting assistance for the Region 2025 Vision projects. On April 9, 1998, the Regional Council Executive Committee approved the consultant assistance. The Management Committee concurred with the approval of the Executive Committee. Ratification of the Executive Committee action was requested.

10. Small Plant Review and Approval Process for the Proposed ASPC Lewis Complex Wastewater Treatment Facility

The Regional Council approved, by consent, the proposed ASPC Lewis Complex Wastewater Treatment Facility, located south of Buckeye, as a part of the MAG 208 Water Quality Management Plan. Maricopa County had requested that the Small Plant Review and Approval Process, which is part of the MAG 208 Plan, be initiated for the Arizona State Prison Complex (ASPC) - Lewis Complex. The facility will have an estimated capacity of 0.75 mgd and will reuse the treated wastewater on-site. The Town of Buckeye is within three miles of the plant and has no objections to the facility. In accordance with the MAG 208 Water Quality Plan process, on April 2, 1998, the MAG Water Quality Advisory Committee recommended approval of this facility. The Management Committee concurred with the recommendation to approve the facility.

## 11. Serious Area PM-10 Plan Most Stringent Measures

Cathy Arthur stated that for the past five months, Sierra Research has been working as a MAG consultant to identify PM-10 measures, which may be the most stringent in any state plans or in practice. In order to obtain up to a five year extension of the PM-10 attainment date to 2006, the Serious Area Plan must include the most stringent measures, which are feasible for implementation in this area. An Executive Summary of Sierra's report on the analysis of the most stringent measures was previously mailed.

Ms. Arthur described the Sierra Research report as a multi-stage and comprehensive process by which approximately 1,000 candidate measures derived from SIPs, Internet scans, telephone and e-mail contacts were reduced, through application of a set of screening protocols to 14 measures which may be the most stringent for PM-10 sources in this area.

Ms. Arthur stated that Sierra Research has documented the rationale for identifying these 14 most stringent measures and the next step is for the potential implementing entities to evaluate their feasibility. To assist the cities, counties and state in evaluating the feasibility of the most stringent measures, Sierra Research will be subcontracting to conduct an econometric analysis of the most stringent measures. The Air Quality Policy Committee has also requested that the health benefits of the 14 most stringent measures be addressed.

Ms. Arthur stated that commitments to the most stringent measures, as well as other Serious Area measures required to show attainment of the PM-10 standard by 2006, will be due to the cities, county and state by the end of July, so that MAG can submit the Serious Area Plan to the EPA in early December. The first draft of this Most Stringent PM-10 Control Measure Analysis Report was provided to the Regional Council in February, 1998. On April 3, 1998, the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest provided comments on this first draft to MAG. Sierra Research has attempted to address these comments in the April 17, 1998 version of the report.

Ms. Arthur stated that the MAG Air Quality Policy Committee, the Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee and the Management Committee have approved the action proposed for this agenda item.

Supervisor Jan Brewer asked why item number three, moisture content in firewood, is included in the 14 measures. Ms. Arthur stated that this measure is infeasible in the Maricopa non-attainment area, but in other areas of the country, it is a major source of PM-10 and a most stringent measure.

Chairman Scruggs asked if Maricopa County's efforts to strengthen enforcement of Rule 310 by hiring five additional inspectors would be considered a best available control measure (BACM) by EPA. Ms. Arthur responded that EPA would probably consider this BACM for the County, but the cities may be required to implement additional measures for the Serious Area Plan. MAG is awaiting a memo from EPA which may clarify this issue. Chairman Scruggs asked if the most stringent measures are sufficient to show attainment of the PM-10 standard in 2006. Ms. Arthur replied that the final modeling has not been performed, but preliminary indications are that the margin is very tight and we will need credit for all of the control measures we can get to show attainment.

Chairman Scruggs recognized public comment on this agenda item.

Blue Crowley thanked staff for condensing the document. He noted that the percentage of PM-10 by Single Occupancy Vehicles was not addressed.

Mayor Giuliano moved, Councilmember Sara Moya seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approved the fourteen potential measures for consideration which may be the most stringent in any state for PM-10 sources located in the Maricopa nonattainment area and request that the potential implementing entities consider them for implementation, if feasible.

## 12. Growth Management Proposals

Mr. Bourey stated that representatives in connection with the Citizens Growth Management Initiative and HB 2361, Growing Smarter, are here to discuss the proposals. He presented potential issues that might be considered in evaluating growth management proposals. These included items such as adequate public facilities, open space, land use patterns and density, social and economic equity and opportunity, environmental quality, visual appearance, and who will pay for growth and citizen involvement.

Mr. Bourey introduced David Baron, presenting on the Citizens Growth Management Initiative, and Maria Baier and Steven Betts, presenting on HB 2361, Growing Smarter.

Mr. Baron explained that the Citizens Growth Management Initiative was developed based on conversations with residents throughout the state, and is intended to prevent dispersed, "sprawl" type development which has been found to be a resource consumptive, expensive, land use pattern. He noted that Maricopa County is the fastest growing county in the nation with 30,000 building permits issued last year. This all takes a toll on the environment and the economy. Mr. Baron stated that the current method of dealing with growth is not adequate. A city or town plan can be changed very easily. He stated that growth needs to be managed in individual communities.

David Baron explained that the Citizens Growth Management Initiative needs to collect over 112,000 signatures by July 1998 to be placed on the ballot and considered by voters in November. If placed on the ballot, voters would be asked to approve a measure that would require jurisdictions with a population of more than 2,500 people to develop plans by the year 2001 that include growth areas no larger than necessary to accommodate 10 years worth of growth. He reported that outside the growth areas, upzoning could not be approved and services such as water and sewer could not be provided. A 4/5 Council vote would be required to approve new subdivisions or increase the density or intensity of allowable development, and developers would be required to pay the full cost of additional public facility needs such as schools and roads. Mr. Baron noted that this is a balanced proposal on managing growth.

Mr. Baron asked if the Regional Council had any questions. Mr. Bourey suggested deferring questions until after both reports. Members agreed.

Maria Baier stated that since the first day the Governor took office, she made open space a first priority. She immediately began a comprehensive effort to help preserve open spaces. Ms. Baier explained that the idea of preserving open spaces quickly evolved into many different areas. She reported that ideas were gathered on what people thought should be done. Wide groups of people shared their input on developing a better future.

Ms. Baier stated that the Governor's Office is now working on legislation to address this issue. Growing Smarter, HB 2361, was developed to create an urban growth management framework by strengthening land planning processes, providing for the acquisition and preservation of open space areas through extended planning, appropriation and bond financing, and establishing a Growing Smarter Commission to make recommendations regarding long-term issues surrounding urban growth. Ms. Baier explained that accompanying HB 2361 is House Concurrent Resolution 2027 that would refer to the voters the question of providing \$20 million statewide over ten years to match funds used for the purchase of State Land for conservation purposes.

Steve Betts stated that this proposal is still a work in progress. He noted that the bill would strengthen general plans by requiring them to be adopted every ten years and by adding open space, growth and transportation corridors, and environmental planning requirements to the general plan. It would require the rezonings be in substantial conformance with the general plan or amendments be approved by a 2/3 supermajority of the governing body. He reported that the right of citizens to refer amendments and rezonings to the voters is preserved.

Mr. Betts explained that the initiative also requires the State Land Department to develop a comprehensive plan for property under its authority, and that State Land Department consider local plans in its process. He noted they are looking for input and have met with many communities. Mr. Betts commented that we are looking for an Arizona solution to an Arizona concern.

Mr. Betts reviewed the concerns regarding growth management such as strengthening urban planning, meaningful open space planning and paying for the cost of growth. Mr. Betts identified incentives to stick to the Growing Smarter Plan. He noted that we need to adopt a general conformity standard, planning for state land, and use existing slopes, mountains and washes as preserved spaces.

Chairman Scruggs opened the floor for questions.

Mayor Tibshraeny asked if either of the plans affected impact fees. Mr. Baron stated that the initiative makes it the duty of jurisdictions to develop formulas and require developers to pay fees to pay for new infrastructure required by new development. Mr. Betts explained that HB 2361 does not change the existing right of jurisdictions to impose fees to pay for infrastructure associated with new development, and cannot bind future legislatures to preserve that right. Mayor Tibshraeny expressed concern about the possibility of taking control of impact fees out of the hands of the municipalities and giving it to the legislature.

Mayor Keegan stated that some jurisdictions do not have the resources or ability to come up with the money to match the state funds proposed for acquiring open space.

Ms. Baier stated that HB 2361 does not provide any guidance on how local jurisdictions would obtain funds necessary to match the money provided for the purchase of state land. She stated that private organizations may help to fund open space. Ms. Baier agreed that some municipalities are better prepared to match the money provided. She noted the basis of the program is local control.

Mayor Keegan asked if HB 2361 gives state land department the authority to do certain things. Ms. Baier stated that they will act as land and conservation agency. The County enabling act does not change.

Mayor Keegan asked each party to describe how public input was involved in this process. Mr. Baron stated that a draft of the initiative was taken around the State for three years. A public hearing will be held at voting time. He noted that there was also neighborhood feedback.

Ms. Baier reported that they met with the public for input on concerns about growth. There have been daily meetings on draft legislation. She noted that she has been asked to make presentation at some city meetings.

Mayor Giuliano noted that the urban growth boundaries concept has some positive and negative aspects. He noted that Tempe already has its boundaries set by surrounding cities. Mayor Giuliano stated that he believes the public is confused about both proposals.

Mr. Betts stated that he believes the Growth Management Initiative has unintended consequences such as creating urban growth lines that cannot be moved.

Mr. Baron stated that growth boundaries are not inflexible. He stated that jurisdictions will have to work to make sure voters will approve their plans, otherwise they will not be permitted to increase zoning density or intensity after the year 2001. Mr. Baron noted that the best concept of the Governor's initiative is the matching funds for land acquisition. The undesirable concept is that there is a provision that requires the jurisdiction to compensate the land owner if their property value goes down.

Mayor Miles stated that Fountain Hills has helped protect open space by new zoning policies. The communities can make it work. He believes the plans are not shooting high enough.

Mayor Stevens commented that all communities do not want addition rules telling them what they can or cannot do. He noted that there is also the question of enforcement.

Mr. Baron stated that this initiative does not give the Attorney General power to tell the jurisdictions what to do, it requires the Attorney General to enforce the law.

Mayor Baker commented that Buckeye is the largest area in the County with approximately 500 square miles and the most open space. He noted the community has worked hard to assure that development will pay for itself. Mayor Baker stated that towns can do a good job controlling growth on their own.

Mr. Baron reported the law already states cities must have a general plan. He noted that a poll has shown this is what the public wants. Mr. Baron commented that some mandates like the requirement to impose infrastructure finance fees are useful to local officials.

Mr. Betts informed the Regional Council that the Governor's initiative does not mandate infrastructure fees, but requires the cities and towns to create their own plans.

Councilmember Sara Moya stated that MAG is an organization based on regionalism. She asked how these proposals address regional issues such as air quality.

Mr. Betts stated that no entity deals with regional planning issues because of fear of taking away local control. Mr. Baron stated that regional coordination is important, but not addressed in the initiative. Ms. Baier added that in HB 2361, a 13 member Growing Smarter Commission would be appointed by the Governor and Legislature.

Supervisor Jan Brewer asked what the time limit is for the county and cities to implement a growth plan. Mr. Baron stated a growth plan should be implemented by January 1, 2001. Supervisor Brewer asked that once a growth plan is adopted, if any changes must go to voters. Mr. Baron confirmed and stated that there is a provision for exceptions to the plan up to 20 acres. Supervisor Brewer commented that to get approval, changes would need to be addressed at the next general election. Mr. Baron confirmed and stated this would limit zoning in areas outside of the proposed boundaries. Supervisor Brewer asked if there was an estimate on what it would cost to educate the voters on the two proposed growth plans.

Mayor Dunham stated that if growth boundaries were implemented in Gilbert, it would stop all growth. Mr. Baron explained that there can be upzoning inside growth boundaries. He stated that even outside growth boundaries it is not a “no growth” area.

Mayor Dunham asked how cities or towns would handle the strip annexed areas. Mr. Baron noted that the cities and towns would need to continue to cooperate with the county and rezoning in the county would have to conform to the county plan.

In response to Mayor Campana, Ms. Baier explained that the State Land Department would continue to prevail over cities and towns with respect to land use on state land.

Mayor Schnepf commented that low density is the Queen Creek life style and quality of life. He noted that Queen Creek encourages low density growth. It is an agricultural community that is appropriate for low density. Mayor Schnepf expressed his concerns about farmers outside the growth boundaries and the value of their land in terms of their ability to finance farm operations.

Mr. Baron stated that in other areas with a growth boundary, farming is still viable. All participants agreed that neither proposal directly addressed the need for affordable housing. Mr. Baron added that the framers of the Citizens Initiative point to Portland, which also has a growth boundary, and state that housing in that area is still considered affordable.

Councilmember Sara Moya stated that neither proposal is a solution to all the issues associated with growth. Mr. Baron agreed but stated that it is a start.

Ms. Baier commented that the Governor has not covered the whole issue of growth and hopes to keep moving forward. She noted the commitment to studying different issues and plans and to provide follow-up.

Councilmember Mary Manross commented that the two issues should come closer together and address issues such as impact fees. She noted there are issues that neither proposal addresses that are very important factors to jurisdictions.

Chairman Scruggs agreed with Councilmember Manross and believes that growth should pay its own way. She noted that Senator Patterson was scheduled to join this meeting, but his legislation on impact fees is temporarily by the wayside.

Mr. Baron, Mr. Betts and Ms. Baier thanked the Regional Council for their time.

Chairman Scruggs stated she would like to extend her appreciation to David Baron, Steven Betts and Maria Baier for their presentations. She noted that this was an informative session with meaningful dialogue. Chairman Scruggs noted that tapes will be available for all members and to contact either the City of Glendale or MAG.

Mr. Bourey thanked the City of Glendale for taping this meeting and feels it will be very valuable to the public. He noted how the Valley Vision 2025 work relates to these proposals in looking toward the future.

13. Announcement of Appointments to the MAG Nominating Committee

Chairman Scruggs announced the appointments to the 1998-1999 Nominating Committee. She noted that each April, the Chairman of the Regional Council appoints a five-member Nominating Committee from the Regional Council. The Nominating Committee is required to provide a balanced slate of officers which is forwarded to all of the Regional Council members at least two weeks prior to the annual meeting in June.

Chairman Scruggs stated the appointments to the Nominating Committee are: Mayor Wayne Brown, Mesa, Chairman; Mayor Bill Arnold, Goodyear; Supervisor Jan Brewer, Maricopa County; Mayor Mark Schnepf, Queen Creek; and Mayor Bill Kosanovich, Youngtown.

Chairman Scruggs announced that a progressive dinner would be held in Suite 300 for members of the Regional Council and their staff who confirmed their dinner reservations. A floor plan was provided describing the different food stations that have been set up.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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